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E.O. 12065: GDS 2/29/86 (HOLBROOK, R.)

TAGS: PDIP, CH, US

SUBJECT: ZHANG WENJIN VISIT

REFS: A. CINCPAC HONOLULU DTG 280939Z FEB. 80,
B. BEIJING 1721 AND PREVIOUS, C. STATE 042443

1. (C) - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. PRC EMBASSY COUNSELOR CAO CALLED ON PRCM DIRECTOR
FREEMAN ON FEBRUARY 27 TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR ZHANG'S VISIT.
IN ADDITION TO THOSE ITEMS IN REF C, WE NOTED THAT
ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOK WISHED TO HOST ZHANG AND
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JI CHAOZHU TO DINNER ON MARCH 17 AT THE PALM RESTAURANT

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AND THAT FREEMAN WISHED TO HOST THE OTHER TWO MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION TO DINNER AT HIS HOME. ON MARCH 18, AMBASSADOR SEIGNIOUS, FORMER DIRECTOR OF ACDA, WILL HOST THE FULL DELEGATION TO DINNER AND ON MARCH 19 THE PRC EMBASSY WILL HOST A FUNCTION. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED A MEETING WITH NEW ACDA DIRECTOR AMBASSADOR EARLE AT 11:00AM ON MARCH 18. THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE COFFEE IS SCHEDULED FOR 4:30PM ON MARCH 18, WHICH SHOULD LEAVE SOME FREE TIME AFTER THE 1:00PM LUNCHEON HOSTED BY CONGRESSMAN WOLFF AND THE HFAC. WE HAVE ALSO RESCHEDULED THE AFTERNOON SESSIONS ON MARCH 17 AND 19 TO 3:30PM, AT CHINESE REQUEST.

3. CINCPAC POLAD CONNORS ALSO MET WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TO DISCUSS THE HONOLULU PORTION OF THE PROGRAM, MARCH 13-14 (REF A). WE HAVE LEARNED THAT DEFENSE ATTACHE XIN WILL TRAVEL TO MEET THE DELEGATION IN HONOLULU, (NOT CAO AS STATED REF A). PRCM DIRECTOR FREEMAN WILL ALSO MEET AND ACCOMPANY THE DELEGATION IN HONOLULU AND TRAVEL BACK TO WASHINGTON WITH THEM. CONCERNING REF B, LODGING IN HONOLULU WILL BE IN TWO GUEST HOUSES, COURTESY OF CINCPAC. (TENNIS AVAILABLE, IF THE CHINESE ARE REALLY SEEKING TRUTH FROM FACTS.)

4. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CAO'S RECOMMENDATION, WE HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS FOR ZHANG AND HIS DELEGATION PLUS GENERAL XU AND FREEMAN ON NW 56/78 DEPARTING HONOLULU AT 10:00PM (2200) ON MARCH 14 ARRIVING WASHINGTON, D.C. AT 3:50PM (1550) ON MARCH 15. NORTHWEST WILL ARRANGE SPECIAL COURTESIES IN SEATTLE DURING THE TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR STOP THERE. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE TICKETED IN BEIJING. WE ASSUME THAT ZHANG WILL

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TRAVEL FIRST CLASS AND THE OTHERS BY COACH. PLEASE CONFIRM. APART FROM THE HONOLULU-WASHINGTON LEG, WE ASSUME THAT THE CHINESE WILL MAKE THEIR OWN RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY FROM BEIJING.

5. CONCERNING THE PROGRAM AFTER THE WASHINGTON TALKS, CAO SAID THAT ZHANG AND HIS DELEGATION WOULD TRAVEL TO NEW YORK BY CAR ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 20. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS CONCERNING ZHANG'S NEW YORK VISIT, AND THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO

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ARRANGE A LUNCHEON (12:30-2:15PM ON MARCH 21) AT WHICH ZHANG WOULD SPEAK. PLEASE FIND OUT WHETHER HE WOULD AGREE TO SPEAK TO THE COUNCIL, AND IF SO, WHAT HIS TOPIC WOULD BE, WHETHER HIS REMARKS WOULD BE ON OR OFF THE RECORD (THE DISCUSSION FOLLOWING HIS SPEECH WOULD BE OFF THE RECORD IN ANY CASE PER NORMAL COUNCIL PRACTICES), WHETHER HE WOULD SPEAK IN ENGLISH OR WOULD USE AN INTERPRETER (AND, IF SO, WHO). IN ADDITION TO THIS FUNCTION, WINSTON LORD WOULD LIKE TO HOST ZHANG TO DINNER THAT NIGHT WITH A NUMBER OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. THE COUNCIL AND MR. LORD WOULD APPRECIATE DISCUSSING THESE AND OTHER DETAILS THROUGH THE PRC UN MISSION. THEREFORE, PLEASE ASK THE MFA TO INSTRUCT PRCMUN REGARDING ZHANG'S WISHES. THE CONTACT PERSON FOR THE COUNCIL IS MS. MARGARET OSMER, TELEPHONE (212) 734-0400.

6. ALSO IN NEW YORK, NYT EDITOR SEYMOUR TOPPING WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH ZHANG, BUT HE IS OUT OF TOWN UNTIL

MONDAY. THE USUAL PATTERN IS A BREAKFAST WITH THE EDITORIAL BOARD, BUT IN THIS CASE TOPPING MAY WISH TO SUGGEST A DINNER, PERHAPS IN SCARSDALE.

7. REGARDING A POSSIBLE CALL ON UNSYG, WE THINK IT MORE APPROPRIATE FOR PRCMUN TO HANDLE THIS, BUT WOULD BE HAPPY TO SUPPORT THEIR REQUEST.

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8. FINALLY, WE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR JI CHAOZHU AND ZHANG WENPU TO REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES FOLLOWING ZHANG'S DEPARTURE TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE US SCENE DURING THIS POLITICAL YEAR. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH THE PRC EMBASSY TO WORK OUT AN APPROPRIATE PROGRAM. HOLBROOKE IS READY TO MAKE ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS IF JI WISHES. VANCE

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